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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on June 28, 2004, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a European Search Report that was mailed on August 4, 2004, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 04007350.4, in which the following documents were cited:

U.S. Patent No. 6,316,062 to SAKAGUCHI et al., which issued on November 13, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,403,149 to PARENT et al., which issued on June 11, 2002;

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 372 141, which was published on December 17, 2003;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0100454 to OSAWA et al., which was published on May 29, 2003; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,562,965 to GUI et al., which issued on October 8, 1996.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the European Search Report.

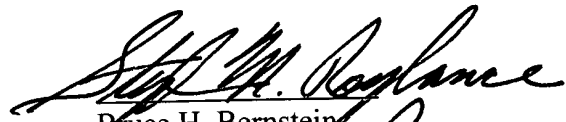
Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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